(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) This Ministry has got no information on this subject. The same is being collected.

(e) This Ministry has no specific information on this subject. The same is being collected.

Purchase of locomotives

497. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in Hindustan Times dated 16th October 1987 under the caption "Giants locked up in loco price" and whether the price quoted by the Railways for purchase BHEL locomotives is far less;

(b) whether the Indian Railways is purchasing locomotives in the international market from various countries though manufacturing units of locomtives exist in India; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to revise the policy of purchasing locomotives from foreign countries and get supply of locomotives manufactured by BHEL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir, the said news item has engaged the attention of Government. However the price payable to BHEL is not less; it is same as the manufacturing cost of Chittaranjan Locomtive Works for similar WAG 5A locomotives plus extra price for modification of 4 items.

(b) Yes, Sir. A few locomotives are being imported primarily for upgradation of technology. There is no other established indigenous manufacturer of electric locomotives other than Chittaranjan Locomotive Works of Indian Railways as of now.

(c) In view of the position explained in reply to part (b) above, the question of revision of policy does not arise.

Retirement age of Airhostesses

498. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Airhostesses employed by Air India who are Indian citizens have to retire when they attain the age of 45 whereas Airhostesses who are citizens of foreign countries are allowed to retire at the age of 55 years; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for this kind of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Harmful effect of Coldrin on Children

499. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the drug Coldrin has a dangerously high content of aspirin in its composition which is very harmful to young children and whether this drug is freely available over the counter without prescription; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to prevent the proliferation and easy availability of such harmful drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The drug Coldarin is formulaed to provide relief of symptoms of common cold and each tablet contains 600 mg. of Aspirin. The recommended dose of Aspirin in children as an analygesic-antipyretic is 225—300 mg. (single dose) not to be given more than 3 times daily for 3 to 5 years of age and 300 mg. (single dose) not to be given more than 4 times daily for 6 to 12 years of age. The amount of Aspirin in Coldarin is based on the above dosage recommendation.